

so that it said that every bill, in its entirety, had to be debated at three stages of debate. But if that were to take place, we could not have E & R amendments, we could not have amendments to bills. We would have to have a bill come out of committee and stay in its exact, pristine form and be debated in its entirety and stay in that shape that it was advanced from committee at each stage of debate. And that is not what the intent of those rules are, that's not what was intended for purposes of a bill being debated at three stages of debate. And, frankly, we don't debate bills at Final Reading, for all intents and purposes. They are mumbled through and then we vote on them, in the vast majority of cases. What we have here before us is a...basically what amounts to a procedure for purposes of dividing the question, which I think is a very clever one on the part of Senator Coordsen, and then argue that the portion of the amendment that you don't like is not germane to the committee amendments. I don't think that holds water when you look at the rule that says committee amendments are always germane to the bill. And if the ultimate amendment that Senator Withem offers would be germane to the...421, it holds, I think, logically that the amendment has to be germane to the committee amendments if it's ultimately germane to the bill when committee amendments are always germane to the bill. I would urge the body to support the motion to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I rise to support the overrule of the Chair. And, Senator Beutler, your righteous indignation on our liberal germaneness rule actually I share. I don't think this is quite the place to...to apply that. Withem's amendment is not another bill, certainly is relevant to the committee amendments. And I recall, just this morning, that the Natural Resources Committee added committee amendments that included another whole bill and went far beyond the original LB 203 proposal. These committee amendments certainly are...are relative to LB 421, and I think Senator Withem's amendments have to be considered germane to that, even though when we segment, it's like we did the other day when Senator Witek had her amendment dissected by Senator Chambers, and you took a one-at-a-time when it was connected to a six. I think we do ourselves a disservice when we do that. But I certainly don't think that this is the place to have righteous indignation over germaneness. There certainly are occasions that...that I get pretty hot about it, too. But I